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The Coming Expositions.

The fact that there are two great expositions to take place in the two coming years, the Lewis and Clark, at Portland in 1905, and that which promises to be far the greatest the world has ever seen, given at St. Louis in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the Louisiana purchase, next year. This is certainly an opportune time for Oregon to get in some of her best liks in the way of advertising her resources and putting out inducements for enterprising people seeking locations. All exhibits, the gathering of which constitute a great portion of the expense, may be used to good advantage at both places.

We give the following facts concerning the St. Louis exposition which were furnished by Secretary Chas. M. Reeves which gives a good idea as to the extent and magnitude of this grand affair:

An International Exposition will be held in St. Louis to celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of the first expansion of the Nation, a step which made possible the commercial and political development which has given the United States her present commanding position in the World's affairs.

The Congress of the United States has stamped its approval upon this great undertaking by appropriating \$5,000,000 and the City of St. Louis has appropriated the magnificent sum of \$10,000,000 to aid in its installation in a manner commensurate with its great mission.

In extent and variety of interests as well as in the amount of money to be expended, it is designed on a larger scale than any preceding Exposition in the World's history.

The Missouri Legislature at its last session appropriated \$1,000,000 for its building and exhibit. The Illinois Commission is now in the field backed with an appropriation of \$250,000, which probably will be doubled at the next session. In Iowa a bill appropriating \$125,000 was passed by the Legislature; this amount probably will be increased. New York has made a preliminary appropriation of \$100,000, and Mississippi, a state that never before made an appropriation for Exposition purposes, has provided \$50,000 for her participation in this great enterprise.

The enterprising state of Oregon has always played a prominent part in the development of the Northwest and in every line leading to the advancement of humanity. Her sons and daughters are among the best of every State and Territory in the Union, and her social, commercial and civil influence extends throughout the whole.

We ask you to do everything in your power to pave the way to a liberal appropriation by the Legislature to enable Oregon to be so cover 1200 acres.

The construction cost of the Paris Exposition was \$9,000,000, that of the Columbian Exposition, \$18,322,000, and the total cost of the Pan-American Exposition was \$10,000,000.

The estimated cost of the St. Louis World's Fair will be \$30,000,000. This, you know, will mean \$40,000,000 by the time the work is completed.

Before the Exposition gates are open, the city of St. Louis will have expended the enormous sum of \$20,000,000. Of this amount \$5,000,000 was appropriated for the Fair through the Municipal Assembly, her citizens raised \$5,000,000 additional by private subscription, and by popular vote at a special election the Charter Amendments were carried, which will enable the city to expend \$10,000,000 for street paving and other public improvements.

In order that you may have a general idea of the magnitude of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, I beg leave to place before you a few tersely stated facts.

The St. Louis World's Fair will be approximately twice as big as any former international exposition. The Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia covered 236 acres, the Paris Exposition of 1889-1903, 336 acres, the Columbian Exposition at Chicago 633 acres, the Pan-American at Buffalo 350 acres.

The St. Louis World's Fair will represent that it will not be second to any other State.

We are especially anxious to have Oregon do her full duty in this matter on account of the moral effect it will have on the Pacific Coast States. Laying aside all sentiment and state pride and considering it strictly in the light of a business proposition, a liberal appropriation by the Legislature would be repaid many fold within the next few years.

Kings Coal And Cold.

The coal situation throughout the East and Middle West has assumed an exceedingly serious aspect. It means, not a coal famine in the sense that there is no coal, but suffering in thousands of homes because the coal supply is held by men who refuse to dispense it at prices even far in excess of its commercial value, but who corner and stubbornly hold it for more exorbitant gains. Man's inhumanity to man—what may be termed the utter inhumanity of greed—has seldom found more forcible expression than it finds in this situation.

The entire section over which the shortage of coal prevails, in the face of at least a reasonably adequate supply, is in the grip of Arctic temperature. The great office buildings and apartment-houses in the cities, equipped with all modern appliances for heating, pervaded by a frigid atmosphere which means bitter discomfort and a long train of evils following in colds, pneumonia and rheumatic and catarrhal ailments. The tenement districts are inhabited by a suffering multitude—men, women and children—huddled together in the extreme of wretchedness, with destitution and death upon their track. As in the extreme heats of Summer, children under 5 years and persons over 60 are the greatest sufferers from the unrelieved cold, the mortality in both of these classes being greatly in excess, in Chicago, of that of the corresponding week of last year. Two thousand persons are sick in the same city, their ailments being directly traceable to lack of fuel.

Chicago, being a typical Western city, their condition may be held to represent the results of the coal famine in other large cities of that section. While the cause of the trouble primarily is the miners' strike, it is immediately due to a preconcerted action among dealers to hold back the supply for the purpose of forcing prices still higher. This, at least, is the only explanation of the fact that long trainloads of coal are side tracked along the railroads leading into Chicago, guarded by trainmen whose orders are to hold the cars indefinitely. It is inconceivable that any Americans could become so maddened by greed as to enter into a combination to freeze people to death for their own profit.

An inquiry has been set on foot in Chicago, the purpose of which is to drive these coal-famine conspirators from cover and compel them to bring the sidetracked coal to market and place it on sale. In the meantime, with the mercury at zero and likely at any time to fall still lower, snow covering the ground and a bitter wind blowing, the people East and Middle West may be said to be between the upper and the nether millstone—the former represented by King Cold, the latter by King Coal, each in his most uncompromising mood. It is evident that before the tremendous pressure is relieved the judicial authorities of the state and possibly of the Nation will be called upon to determine whether in this land of the free, commercial conspirators will be permitted to freeze people to death with plenty of coal in sight.—Oregonian.

Eastern People Cry For Coal.

The scarcity of coal in Eastern cities continues, and the situation in reference thereto becomes worse rather than better as the season advances and winter holds sway. It is asserted in some places, and quite generally believed, that considerable quantities of coal are being held back for famine prices, and if this is the case drastic measures would seem to be in order, though it is not easy to specify just what they should be. A convention has been held in Detroit, where coal is being purchased and sold by the city, and this convention will be the nucleus of one to be held in Washington this week, to discuss the situation and devise means, if possible, by which the people can obtain the coal necessary for fuel. The situation is not a pleasant one to contemplate—while nature has provided inexhaustible stores of this fuel, people are freezing, and only the well-to-do can procure the necessary fuel. It needs no argument to show that something is wrong somewhere, when such a state of affairs exists, and it would not be at all strange if the demand for public ownership of the coal mines should increase and become difficult to resist. When people are freezing, or starving, they will not stop to reason very closely about methods of relief, or consequences of radical actions. The coal trust, at any rate is likely to be the object, before another winter arrives, of various and vigorous attacks, whether it deserves all the censure it receives or not.—Telegram.

In Every Way Commendable.

A tax upon legacies or inheritances within the limits proposed in the Malarkey bill by which the Oregon Legislature will be asked to pass will produce revenue without hardship to any property interest in the state. Through it the public will get some return for the good order which makes possible the accumulation of wealth and protects the individual in its possession. No limits are set to individual acquisitions. Though it is presumed that property contributes equitably to the expenses of government, it is matter of common knowledge that large estates do not pay in the same proportion as small ones, and it is right that the state should require toll of those passing from decedent to heir. The one is done with it and the right to bequeath his property is one that is conferred by society. The other receives something to which he has no inherent right, and he suffers no wrong when society takes a portion for the more equitable adjustment of public burdens.

It is proper that the state rather than the Federal Government should levy this tax, because it is upon property and rights that are under the jurisdiction of the state. The purpose of the measure is wise and just, and the form of the bill proposed by Representative Malarkey bears every promise of standing the test of the court. It touches a point where taxation will rest easiest, and it provides reasonable machinery for enforcing its provisions. The experience of other states with laws of this kind justifies the expectation that good will flow from the enactment here. It should receive the careful attention of the Legislature.—Oregonian.

How Vacancies Are Filled.

The following extracts from the Constitution of the United States govern the election of members of House of Representatives and of filling vacancies:

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The election laws of the State of Oregon have the following provisions:

Title 7, sec. 53: That, whenever a vacancy may occur in the office of Representative in Congress from this state, from any cause whatever, the Governor shall issue his writ of election to fill such vacancy, in the same manner and under the same regulations as are prescribed by law to fill vacancies in the Legislative Assembly.

Title 5, sec. 46: . . . When any vacancy shall happen in the office of member of the Senate or House of Representatives by death, resignation or otherwise, and a session of the Legislature is to take place before the next biennial election, the Governor shall issue a writ of election directed to the Sheriff of the county, and Sheriffs of the counties composing the district in which such vacancy shall occur, commanding or them to notify the several judges of election in his county or their district, to hold a special election to fill such vacancy or vacancies at a time appointed by the Governor.

The Oregon Legislature.

The members of the present Legislature are apparently on the whole rather above the average in fitness for duties to be performed. Though the newspaper men have to have their little flings at the legislators, we don't mean to be taken too seriously always. While among 90 men who make up the body there are always some of inferior character, mentally or morally, or both, most of them are honest, intelligent, and animated by a desire to do the right things, and the Oregon Legislatures have as a rule made a pretty fair record, as compared with the Legislatures of other states. Our legislators have been paragons of economy and other virtues in comparison with some Legislatures of California and other states. Some bills that would better not be passed, will doubtless become laws, while some better bills will fail; there will be some unnecessary expenditures, and perhaps selfish motives rather than the public weal will triumph in some minor matters; but on the whole we may expect fairly good work, and beneficial results, from this body of lawmakers. As a rule, they are no doubt honest and capable, and it is better to have confidence in their integrity and ability than to regard them with suspicion and bestow censure upon them that is possibly for the most part undeserved.—Telegram.

Lukewarm friends should be fired.
Vermin are spreaders of disease. Kill off all rats, mice and flies.

Castro believes in his "destiny." So do we; it is to have an "Uncle Sam."

The Dowager Empress of China has given a luncheon to the ladies in General Miles' party.

The President probably hates the name of Mississippi. The state has too few bears and too many coons.

The local coal dealers complain of their troubles, but their wives are arrayed in purple in fine linen. The mines took their holiday vacation and potatoes just as though they had not been idle all summer.

The song most in favor at the White House is "Coon, coon, coon, I wish your color would change."

It would seem that the clerk of the weather had not heard of the coal famine. Someone please drop him a line.

The hoof and mouth disease has been subdued, but there is no cure for the mouthings of cranks, fadists, and theorists.

The Luxembourg Palace and Garden, in Paris are endangered by new fissures in the catacombs which underlie that part of the city.

A small body of Pathans attempted to rob the jewel exhibition room at the great Indian Durbar. They are now on exhibition themselves.

Judging by the roll call in Congress on Monday, a senatorial contest at home over-shadows the importance of national legislation.

The Methodists have raised their \$20,000,000 fund and we congratulate them. Now let them use it with judgement and discrimination.

An elephant was electrocuted recently at Cone Island. If they could only kill the "Elephant Dive" of that place it would be a blessing.

The employees of the steel trust will, it is claimed, refuse an opportunity to become stock holders because it would curtail their right to strike.

The Panama Canal Commission has drawn salaries in the past three years aggregate \$1,000,000. Admiral Walker's salary being \$15,000 per year—and the first spadeful of earth has not yet been turned.

An Ohio gentleman who desires a pension has written to Senator Hanna that if he does not secure it for him he will pray the Almighty to send the Ohio senator a concatenation of diseases calculated to kill an ordinary man.

New York's new Chief of Police is automobiling the town into purity and respect for law. We wish him success, but it will take more than a red "devil wagon" to clean out the red light district and the Raines law hotels.

It is a common expression among Washington scientists that the cleverest advertising scheme conceived this year is the "feeding experiment" being conducted by Dr. Harvey W. Wiley.
Mr. A. S. Trude, attorney for Mr. C. K. G. Billings, predicts that in the near future New York and Chicago capitalists will control the gas supplies of most of the European capitals.

The protest of Mr. Shanahan, of the Oregon Humane Society, against a bill now pending in Congress to extend the time in which livestock in transit from Western ranges to Eastern shambles may be kept on the cars without food or water, from twenty-eight to forty hours, should be echoed by hundreds of thousands of voices in the name of humanity and public health.

As Mr. Shanahan says, and as every intelligent person who knows anything about the hardships to which cattle, sheep and hogs are subjected in transit on the cars knows, twenty-eight hours is all too long to deprive these wretched creatures of food and water and any chance of shifting their constrained positions. Any attempt to increase the time of starvation, thirst and torture should be met by a protest so vigorous as to insure its defeat.—Oregonian.

Dislocated Her Shoulder.
Mrs. Johanna Sodeholm, of Ferguson Falls, Minn., fell and dislocated her shoulder. She had a surgeon get it back in place as soon as possible, but it was quite sore and pained her very much. Her son mentioned that he had seen Chamberlain's Pain Balm advertised for sprains and soreness, and she asked him to buy her a bottle of it, which he did. It quickly relieved her and enabled her to sleep which she had not done for several days. The son was so much pleased with the relief it gave his mother that he has since recommended it to many others. For sale by R. S. Knowlton.

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